

**In the Specification:**

[0005] The supply meter in accordance with the invention has a mechanical display for the amount of the supply medium which has passed through the supply meter, which displays with a cumulative meter reading the total consumption to date and in addition makes possible the provision of a verification code. The generation of the verification code occurs by mechanical gears, of which the translation relationship depends upon the construction design and may differ from ~~can be varied between~~ 1:10. The representation of the verification code occurs on rollers or disks, of which the segment count can be other than 10. For the display of the verification code it is also possible to use numerals, figures or symbols. If the display of the verification code occurs in the form of numbers or letters, the segments of the rollers or disks need not be consecutively encoded, but rather for increasing the difficulty of manipulation may use a non-convention sequence, which may be for example "7, 2, 3, 1, 5, 9, 0, 4, 6, 8" or "B, X, K, Z, D, A, L, O, E, F". Insofar as letters or numbers are employed for representing the verification code, these represent particular values, which can be evaluated as information. The rotating bodies of the verification code display device can be connected at any point with the drive means or gears of the supply meter device. There need only be continuity between respectively the display of the verification code display device and the device number in the zero position of the supply meter display, since this verification code then forms the basis for the later evaluation of the determined verification code data. Therein

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the employed translation relationship between the drive of the supply meter display device and the verification code device is taken into consideration. This can be for example 1:3.5.